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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG AND LUFTHANSA OVERFLIGHTS

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1. BERLIN PRESS HAS REPORTED THE FRG WILL OFFICIALLY ADVISE THE GDR NEXT WEEK THAT IT IS PREPARED TO GRANT INTERFLUG OVERLIFHGT RIGHTS FOR THE SCHOENEFELD-ZURICH ROUTE IN EXCHANGE FOR GDR PERMISSION FOR LUFTHANSA TO OVERFLY THE GDR TO THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE ON THE FRANKFURT-TEGEL-MOSCOW ROUTE. NEWSPAPERS NOTE THAT MATTER HAD BEEN FIRST REVIEWED IN BONN GROUP. THE BERLIN SENAT WELCOMED THE DEVELOPMENT AND BERLIN MAYOR LUEDER, WHO IS ALSO SENATOR FOR ECONOMICS, STATED THAT ALL "STRATEGIC QUESTIONS" HAD BEEN CAREFULLY SYNCHRONIZED. DIE WELT POINTS OUT THAT PERMISSION OF THE SOVIETS IS ALSO
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REQUIRED FOR LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO BCZ. TAGESSPIEGEL INCORRECTLY STATES THAT AN AIRCRAFT WITH LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN DOES NOT REQUIRE SUCH SOVIET PERMISSION.

2. PRESS ALSO RECALLS THAT AN INTERMEDIATE LANDING IN BERLIN ON THE "EXPRESS ROUTE" FROM FRANKFURT TO MOSCOW HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN GREETED WITH RESERVE BY LUFTHANSA

BECAUSE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS BOARDING IN BERLIN DID NOT
MAKE AN INTERMEDIATE LANDING LUCRATIVE. THIS OBSERVATION
APPARENTLY REFERS TO TELEVISED REMARKS IN 1973 BY LUFTHANSA
BOARD MEMBER CULMANN WHO MADE IT CLEAR THAT LUFTHANSA HAD
NO COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN A TEGEL STOPOVER VIA GDR AIRSPACE.
CULMANN SAID, "WE RECOGNIZE THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF
THIS QUESTION, BUT IT SEEMS TO US IMPORTANT TO RETURN FROM
THE ILLUSIONS TO THE FACTS.....LUFTHANSA TRAFFIC TO
BERLIN, IN ADDITION TO THE ALLIES' TRAFFIC, WOULD ONLY MAKE
SENSE ECONOMICALLY IF IT COULD BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE SAME
CONDITIONS AS THE TRAFFIC OF THE ALLIES, I.E. ON THE SAME
ROUTES, I.E. THROUGH THE CORRIDORS USED NOW." (REF A)
SUBSEQUENTLY, LUFTHANSA WAS PRESSED BY FRG TO BE MORE
FORTHCOMING PUBLICLY ON BERLIN FLIGHTS (REF B).
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